REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 21-36 were pending in the application. In this Amendment, claim 30 has been amended and claims 31-36 have been canceled. Claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 36, which depended from claim 30. Since the Amendment only cancels claims and places the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, Applicant submits that pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116, the Amendment should be entered. Reconsideration of the application in its current format is respectfully requested.

In the final Office action, the Examiner is maintaining his rejection of claims 21-36 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. US2003/0014500 to Schleiss et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,946,210 to Montminy et al. For purposes of brevity, Applicant will not repeat the arguments set forth in Applicant's Response of December 22, 2005, but hereby incorporates these arguments by reference into this Amendment. Applicant, however, will address the Examiner's response to one of Applicant's arguments.

In the Response of December 22, 2005, Applicant argued that the Schleiss et al. application failed to show the following limitation of independent claim 21:

> "updating said store of transactional data to reflect said received real-time information" [concerning the manufacture of an electrical device].

Applicant argued that the provisions cited by the Examiner as showing this step (paragraphs [0006], [0023], [0035], [0038] and [0054]) only generally discuss the communication of transactional data (e.g. alarms) between the various systems of the enterprise 10 and do not specifically disclose updating a store of transactional data to reflect real-time data about the manufacture of a device.

In responding to the foregoing argument, the Examiner stated (with emphasis added): "Thus, the '***transactional process control information***' of Schleiss et al. ***corresponds to the 'real-time information'*** and the 'formatted' and 'mapped'

transactional process control information' associated with one of the plurality of information technology systems of Schleiss et al. corresponds to the claimed updated 'transactional data'". This interpretation of the Schleiss et al. application runs directly counter to the teaching of the Schleiss et al. application, which clearly distinguishes between real time data and transactional data. Paragraph [0006] of the Schleiss et al. application states (with emphasis added):

> Unfortunately, the integration of process control systems and information technology systems is complicated by the fact that process control systems generate and use both ***real time data*** and ***transactional data***. ***Real time data*** is typically communicated in a regular periodic or synchronous manner such as, for example, the communication of continuous pressure readings that may be provided by a pressure transmitter. ***Transactional data***, on the other hand, is event driven and is typically generated infrequently in an asynchronous manner.

Thus, the Examiner's finding that the ***transactional data*** of the Schleiss et al. application corresponds to the ***real time information*** of the claims is counter to the express teaching of the Schleiss et al. application. For at least this reason, the Schleiss et al. application fails to show or suggest independent claim 21 and amended independent claim 30 and the claims depending therefrom. The Montminy et al. patent fails to cure this deficiency of the Schleiss et al. application.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 050877.

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